

# **Municipality of Anchorage**

# Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

City Hall, Room 525 632 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Anchorage, Alaska

# **ACTION SUMMARY**

12:00 Noon Wednesday, December 18, 2019

# **Regular Meeting**

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:05 p.m.

### A. Establishment of Quorum

Present: Tamás Deák Holly Kent David Nyman, Chair Stephanie Quinn-Davidson, Vice Chair Rick Sinnott Simon Wigren

Excused: Brett Jokela

Absent: Paul McLarnon

One Vacancy

Staff: Thede Tobish, Senior Planner, Planning Department, Long-Range Planning

Guests: Jim Renkert, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of DForestry

#### B. Disclosures

No disclosures.

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### II. ACTION SUMMARY

### A. Regular Meeting of November 27, 2019

Commissioner Deák moved to approve the November 27, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Quinn-Davidson seconded.

*The November 27, 2019 minutes were approved unanimously as written.* 

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. WNRC Case No. 2019-03, Cat Ordinance Discussion

*Commissioner Sinnott* described how he edited and reduced the Commission's letter to the new version before the Commission. The Commission discussed Commissioner Jokela's suggestion (sent by email), change on page one: from *pets causing adverse effects* to *uncontrolled pets causing adverse effects*. Commissioners offered and discussed other possible tweaks to the letter.

*Commissioner Deák* moved to adopt the Commission's letter to the Animal Control Advisory Board as amended. *Commissioner Kent* seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

#### B. WNRC Case No. 2019-04, Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan —Natural Assets Map

Staff updated the Commission on the status of this *Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan* graphic, which has been updated to include comments from the Commission's prior review. The Commission was favorable with the updates, and no further action is required.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS (none)

#### V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

*Jim Renkert* from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, announced an upcoming Anchorage Tree Forum in late February. Stakeholders will convene to discuss plans and identify appropriate tree species to replace spruce bark beetle-killed white spruce in Anchorage. He also spoke about the Municipality pursuing *green infrastructure*, perhaps with the new stormwater utility.

#### VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT

A new commissioner appointment to fill a vacancy is being forwarded to the Assembly soon.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sinnott moved to adjourn. Commissioner Deák seconded.

#### The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.